

Communication from Public

Name: Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council

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Dear Representatives:

At a recent public meeting of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, the following resolution was passed by the Board of Directors:

Draft Mello Act Ordinance should be modified to reflect affordable housing protections in January 2020 initial draft.

Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council submitted its recommendations to the City Planning Department on the initial draft Mello Act Ordinance, which stated that we generally supported the draft Mello Act Ordinance except that we strongly recommended:

1) against any provisions that would allow for the demolition of 100% residential structures for purposes of a nonresidential/commercial mixed use project; and 2) against all feasibility analyses except for when the City may be required to determine whether a residential use is still feasible;

Whereas the updated draft Mello Act Ordinance does not reflect our recommendations;

Whereas the updated draft Mello Act Ordinance removed many of the provisions that we had previously stated we generally support for our community and that many other affordable housing organizations supported;

Whereas we do not understand why City Planning removed numerous provisions that the community supported that offered protections for affordable housing in the Coastal Zone and that were supported by both the intent and the letter of the Mello Act law;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls on the City Planning Department to withdraw the current draft Mello Act Ordinance being submitted to the City Planning Commission and replace it with the initial January 2020 draft that was presented to community members at community meetings in 2019-2020, incorporating community comments reflecting the call to ensure the permanent Mello Act Ordinance provides clarity and stronger provisions to create and preserve affordable housing within the Coastal Zone.

Please contact Robin Rudisill, Chair of the CSPNC Planning Committee; at 310-721-2343 should you have any questions related to this letter and resolution.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

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Re: **City Mello Act ordinance must not allow demolitions/conversion
of 100% residential structures for purposes of mixed-use projects.**

The following resolution was passed at the April 2021 Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board meeting:

***Whereas*, the Mello Act law was enacted by the State Legislature in 1982 in order to set forth requirements concerning the demolition, conversion and construction of housing within California's Coastal Zone.**

***Whereas*, the Mello Act requires each Coastal Zone area to enforce three basic rules, including that existing residential structures shall be maintained as residential uses unless the local jurisdiction finds that residential uses are no longer feasible; the Act specifically states: "The conversion or demolition of any residential structure for purposes of a nonresidential use which is not 'coastal dependent...' shall not be authorized..."**

***Whereas*, a mixed-use building is a non-residential use and that is clear throughout the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and all coastal regulations.**

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***Whereas*, there are 29 100% residential structures in Neighborhood Commercial zones in the San Pedro Coastal Zone, which contain 231 units, 164 of them protected by the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance. See attached listing.**

***Whereas*, changing 100% residential structures to mixed use projects would change the character of those buildings and the surrounding neighborhood to commercial in nature.**

Whereas, there is a housing shortage and not a mixed use or commercial use shortage.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council insists the City Planning Department and the City Planning Commission assure the proposed Mello Act Ordinance does not allow conversions or demolitions of 100% residential structures in the Los Angeles Coastal Zones, whether commercial or residential zoning, for purposes of mixed-use projects.

Please contact Robin Rudisill, Chair of the CSPNC Planning Committee, at 310-721-2343 should you have any questions related to this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Epperhart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Doug Epperhart, President
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

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CPC February 25, 2021, Agenda Item 9. draft Mello Act Ordinance
 Noel Gould, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council
 100% Residential Structures in Commercial Zones in the San Pedro Coastal Zone

ADDRESS	USE CODE	GPLU	CPIO -SUB AREA	RSO	#UNIT
3413 S PACIFIC AVE	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B		1
3407 PACIFIC AVE	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B		1
3337 PACIFIC AVE	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B		1
3333 PACIFIC AVE	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B		1
3329 PACIFIC AVE	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B		1
2733 PACIFIC AVE	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B		1
2729 PACIFIC AVE	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B		1
2316 PACIFIC AVE	0400 RESIDENTIAL 4 UNITS ANY COMBO 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B	RSO	4
2300 PACIFIC AVE AND NORTH AND SOUTH ADJECENT PROPERTY	7500 INSTUTIONAL HOMES FOR AGED AND OTHERS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B	RSO	32
2226 1-3 PACIFIC AVE	0300 RESIDENTIAL 3 UNITS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B	RSO	3
2220 PACIFIC AVE	0400 RESIDENTIAL 4 UNITS ANY COMBO 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B	RSO	4
2110 PACIFIC AVE	0500 RESIDENTIAL 5 OR MORE UNITS OR APARTMENTS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B	RSO	15
497 W 21ST STREET	0500 RESIDENTIAL 5 OR MORE UNITS OR APARTMENTS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B	RSO	15
2040 PACIFIC AVE	0500 RESIDENTIAL 5 OR MORE UNITS OR APARTMENTS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B	RSO	21
1704 PACIFIC AVE	0500 RESIDENTIAL 5 OR MORE UNITS OR APARTMENTS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B		15
485 W 17TH STREET	0500 RESIDENTIAL 5 OR MORE UNITS OR APARTMENTS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL B		15
302 W 16TH STREET	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	NONE		1
312 W 16TH STREET	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	NONE		1

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316 W 16TH STREET	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	NONE		1
1529 CENTRE STREET	0300 RESIDENTIAL 3 UNITS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	NONE	RSO	2
1523 CENTRE STREET	0100 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	NONE		1
287 W 15TH STREET	0200 RESIDENTIAL DOUBLE DUPLEX OR 2 UNIT 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	NONE	RSO	1
1312 PACIFIC AVE	0500 RESIDENTIAL 5 OR MORE UNITS OR APARTMENTS 4 STORIES OR LESS	COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL	COASTAL COMMERCIAL A	RSO	24
1226 PACIFIC AVE	0500 RESIDENTIAL 5 OR MORE UNITS OR APARTMENTS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	CENTRAL COMMERCIAL B		30
124 W 11TH STREET	0500 RESIDENTIAL 5 OR MORE UNITS OR APARTMENTS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	RSO	15
1012 S PALOS VERDES STREET	0500 RESIDENTIAL 5 OR MORE UNITS OR APARTMENTS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	NONE	RSO	12
125 W 10TH STREET	0500 RESIDENTIAL 5 OR MORE UNITS OR APARTMENTS 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	NONE	RSO	16
134 W 10TH STREET	0200 RESIDENTIAL DOUBLE DUPLEX OR 2 UNIT 4 STORIES OR LESS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	NONE	RSO	1
939-915 S BEACON STREET	7500 INSTITUTIONAL HOMES FOR AGED AND OTHERS	NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL	NONE	RSO	0

231 UNITS TOTAL

164 RSO UNITS

The draft Mello Act Ordinance proposes to allow for conversions of residential structures to mixed use. Please do not allow the conversion of these 29 residential properties in San Pedro's Coastal Zone to mixed use. Not only is this not allowed by the Mello Act, but a change to mixed use would not conform with the Coastal Act, which requires the existing mix of uses to be maintained. It would lead to intensified commercial development in the area and chip away at the existing housing, which would change the character of the neighborhood.